

Sec 104.110 Exemptions. Washington State Ferries are part of our highway system and should be included under the listed exemptions. They are secured and monitored by the Washington State Patrol.

104.200(b)(11) Vessel access by foot passengers is currently adequately controlled. Any additional measures would be expensive, cumbersome and a detriment to our economy as it would harass and delay people commuting to their daily workplace.

104.265(e) Again, screening is currently adequate. If at all necessary, daily commuters should be provided "badges" which provide them access to their means of commuting. Commuter ticket books could serve as our required identification. Why all this overkill? When has there been a threat against one of our ferries? As a long time regular commuter, I know that any weird behavior on the part of a passenger is noted and reported promptly to vessel crew members. Are we a target of convenience in the overzealous efforts of the administration to do something about "homeland" security? Are city buses and trucks next on the list? Then our personal vehicles? We choose to commute by ferry and we also are responsible enough to accept any minimal risk that may be involved in our traveling. We don't require federal "help" that will cost us time and many dollars. Our ferry system has a great record and has kept us safe for years without mandated security measures.